

STATE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
HURRICANE ISIDORE INFORMATION
MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

NEWS



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The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is closely monitoring the projected path of Tropical Storm Isidore. The following information is being provided to citizens to aid in their safe response to Tropical Storm Isidore.

EVACUATIONS

HARRISON COUNTY

The Harrison County Civil Defense has issued a MANDATORY evacuation for the residents of the "Point in Biloxi" that live North of Division Street and East of Lee Street. This is due to a sudden rise in floodwaters that are expected to continue rising for the next several hours.

For people that do not have a vehicle, the meeting point is Lee Street Stadium. Once at Lee Street Stadium, wait for transportation via Bus or Military Vehicle.

For those who can drive, the only route open is as follows and it is imperative that people follow this route:

Howard Ave East to Porter, West on Irish Hill Drive, North on D'Iberville Drive, West on Pass Road to Beauvoir, South On Beauvoir to the first gate to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Personnel will meet you there.

You must bring any item within reason that you will need during the next 24-36 hours. NO Pets!

It is very important that even though you must evacuate, it must also be done in an orderly manner-Do Not Rush!

ROAD CLOSURES

HARRISON COUNTY

US 90 impassable from the Ocean Springs drawbridge to the Bay S. Louis drawbridge.
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HANCOCK COUNTY

Pine – Pogo North Beach
Pogo – Seawall North Beach
All of North Beach Boulevard Closed
Barnett to Dunbar
Felicity to the Beach
Chapman from Clara back to Garden Isles
Bayou Caddy to Point Set completely flooded
4th Street – Clermont Harbor
Nicholson and Beach
Central Avenue Off Highway 603
Majority of Jordan Rivers Shores flooded

CURFEWS

HANCOCK COUNTY

A curfew will be imposed in the Evacuation Area, Zone A, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25 and ending at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26. Citizens are advised to stay off of the roads during the evening and early morning hours. The curfew includes low-lying areas of Zone A.

HARRISON COUNTY

The Cities of Gulfport, Long Beach, and Pass Christian are installing a curfew from 10:00 p.m. on 9/25/02 until 6:00 a.m. on 9/26/02. City Officials with the concurrence of Harrison County Civil Defense have determined that street flooding and possible debris on the roads will make it too dangerous for any non-emergency travel. The curfew is in addition to the City of Biloxi's curfew that is in effect from dusk to dawn on 9/25/02.

SHELTERS

The American Red Cross reports there are 18 shelters open that are assisting approximately 600 individuals. There is a toll free number that individuals can call for shelter locations, 1-866 –Get-Info (1-866-438-4636).

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS, Thursday, September 26, 2002

HARRISON COUNTY

Biloxi Schools
Gulfport Schools
Long Beach Schools
Pass Christian Schools

HANCOCK COUNTY

Bay St. Louis Schools

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pascagoula Schools

GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOLS
COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
JONES COUNTY SCHOOLS
FORREST COUNTY SCHOOLS
LAMAR COUNTY SCHOOLS
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS
LUMBERTON SCHOOLS
MARION COUNTY
PETAL SCHOOLS

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